

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (**currently amended**) A method for purchasing goods or services from a seller by a buyer comprising:

(a) receiving a request from a buyer for goods or services with a predetermined plurality of criteria related to the goods or services;

(b) selecting at least ~~one—seller~~ two sellers from a predetermined group of sellers of the goods or services based on the received predetermined plurality of criteria;

(c) transmitting the request of the buyer to the selected at least ~~one—seller~~ two sellers of the goods or services;

(d) receiving, within a predetermined time interval, responses from the at least ~~one—seller~~ two sellers to the request;

(e) compiling information provided in the responses received from at least one seller within the predetermined time interval;

(f) ranking the sellers based upon the compiled information including the plurality of criteria and selecting sellers with the relatively highest ranking; and

(g) providing the compiled responses of the selected sellers for access by the buyer.

Claim 2 (**previously presented**) The method of claim 1, wherein in (a), a computer receives the request.

Claim 3 (**previously presented**) The method of claim 2, wherein in (b), selecting is performed by a central computer.

Claim 4 (**previously presented**) The method of claim 3, wherein in (c), transmitting is done by an internet system.

Claim 5 (**previously presented**) The method of claim 4, wherein in (d), receiving is done by the central computer.

Claim 6 (**previously presented**) The method of claim 5, wherein in (e) and (f), the compiling and ranking is performed by the central computer.

Claim 7 (**previously presented**) The method of claim 6, wherein in (g), accessing by the buyer is performed by an internet connection.

Claim 8 (**previously presented**) The method of claim 7, wherein the goods are selected from the group consisting of vehicles, computers, or appliances and the services are selected from the groups consisting of legal, financing, medical, or insurance.

Claim 9 (**previously presented**) The method according to claim 8, wherein the goods are vehicles.

Claim 10 (**previously presented**) A system for obtaining information for the purchasing of goods or services comprising:

input means for receiving a request for desired goods or services from a buyer, the request including predetermined criteria related to the goods or services;

selection means for selecting at least two providers from a predetermined group of providers of the goods or services based on the predetermined criteria;

transmission means for transmitting the request of the buyer to the selected providers;

reception means for receiving, within a predetermined time interval, response from the selected providers;

computation means for compiling information provided in the response received within the predetermined time interval for ranking the sellers based upon the compiled information, and for selecting sellers with the relatively highest ranking; and

output means for providing the compiled responses of the selected sellers for access by the buyer.

Claim 11 (**previously presented**)      The system according to claim 10, wherein the input means is a computer.

Claim 12 (**previously presented**)      The system according to claim 11, wherein the selection means is a central computer.

Claim 13 (**previously presented**)      The system according to claim 12, wherein the transmission means includes an internet system.

Claim 14 (**previously presented**)      The system according to claim 13, wherein the reception means includes a central computer.

Claim 15 (**currently amended**)      The system according to claim 14, wherein the computation means ~~including~~ includes the central computer.

Claim 16 (**previously presented**)      The system according to claim 14, wherein the output means includes an internet connection.

Claim 17 (**previously presented**)      The system of claim 16, wherein the goods are selected from the group consisting of vehicle computers or appliances.

Claim 18 (**previously presented**)      The system according to claim 17, wherein the goods are vehicles.

Claim 19 (**currently amended**)      A system for obtaining information for the purchasing of automobiles by prospective buyers comprising:

input ~~means~~ means, including a computer, for receiving a request for a desired automobile from a prospective buyer, the request including plurality of predetermined criteria related to the automobile;

selection means, including central computer, for selecting at least two providers from a predetermined group of providers of the automobile based on the plurality of predetermined criteria;

transmission means, including an internet connection, for transmitting the request for the prospective buyer to the selected providers;

reception means, including the central computer, for receiving, within a predetermined time interval, responses from the selected providers;

computation means, including the central computer, for compiling information provided in the response received within the predetermined time interval for ranking the providers based upon the compiled information including the plurality of criteria, and for selecting providers with the relatively highest ranking; and

output means, including an internet connection, for providing the compiled responses of the selected providers for access by the prospective buyer.

Claim 20 (**previously presented**)      The system of claim 19, wherein the automobile is a previously owned automobile.